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DETAILED ACTION

Defective Appeal Brief

1. The corrected brief of 12/29/2003 filed in response to the notice of defective appeal brief of 12/16/2003 has been noted. No further comment is necessary. This notice with the Examiner's Answer of 1/15/2003 is forwarded to the board for decision.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asok K. Sarkar whose telephone number is 571 272 1970. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8 AM- 5 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 571 272 1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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